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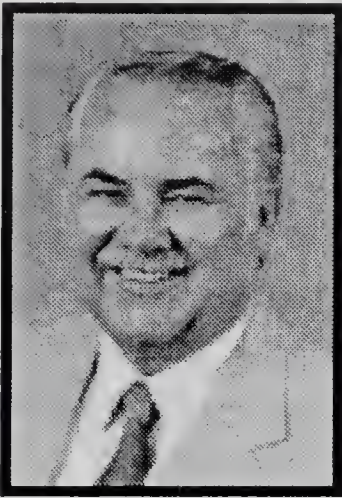
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President's Message

As 1997 rolls along, we continue to pick up steam for the balance of the year. The Mattoon show is not far off which will give ILNA some downstate exposure. Stop by for some refreshments and Jimmy's seminar at 11:00 a.m. The board meeting will be held promptly at 12:00 noon. Show is April 6th at the Ramada Inn.

We are presently selling bourse tables to the fall CSNS hosted show to dealers who attended last year. We will start selling tables to all dealers about April 1. The bourse is being handled by Clayton Hagemann again this year.

Dues collection is well underway. Remember that dues will be \$8.00 after the 1st of April, as a second notice adds to our cost. This is also your last Digest unless dues are paid promptly. We have three new life members this year.

A survey has been sent to life members number 70 and down. Results so far have been positive. There are still a few to come in yet. We uncovered some address changes plus a couple deceased members. We will follow up on those who haven't responded.

It's time to be thinking about the board election. There will be five seats up for election. If you are interested in becoming a board member, please contact our association secretary, Jack Zillion, in writing of your intent.

Thanks to those who donated extra money in their dues letters for youth promotion.

The Wat-Cha-Kee Coin Club had a very good youth auction at their show. It appears to be the way to go to increase attendance and business at local club shows. It certainly made that show a big success. You only have to look at the kid's faces to know it's worth the effort. Many thanks to Sonny Henry for conducting the auction.

Sincerely

Kermit Wasmer

ILNA Board Meeting Minutes

November 3, 1996 - Urbana, IL

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by President Wasmer. The following board members were present:

Kermit Wasmer
Jerry Wienzierl
Sonny Henry
Jack Huggins
Steve Butler

Michael Doran
Jim Erlenborn
Bill Burbridge
Frank Zapushek
Erthel Rose

Jack Zillion
Jim Kaczor
Clayton Hagemann
Joe Wagoner

The secretary's report was read in advance by all members. Motion to approve made by Doran, seconded by Erlenborn. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was distributed, read and discussed. Motion to approve made by Erlenborn, seconded by Doran. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

The ILNA Board welcomed its three newest members, Jerry Wienzierl, Frank Zapushek, and William Burbridge, all of whom were recently elected to 2-year terms. Jerry, Bill, and Frank are all seasoned numismatists who will prove valuable assets to ILNA.

Zillion gave a membership report, stating that ILNA's rolls currently stand at 320 regular and 32 club members, for a total of 352.

Kaczor encouraged the board to help try to locate older ILNA life members as he endeavors to help update ILNA's records concerning same.

Regarding the upcoming ILNA Digest, Wasmer stated that the newest issue is in progress and proofs would be forthcoming.

A motion was proposed by Wasmer, made by Butler, and seconded by Doran instituting a \$10 per attended meeting stipend for each board member to help defray travel costs. Motion carried.

Huggins brought forth a proposal from the Mattoon Coin Club regarding co-hosting a Spring Show on April 6, 1997. The text reads as follows:

"As per your invitation, the Mattoon Coin Club will host the Spring Show of the Illinois Numismatic Association on April 6, 1997 (Sunday). The location will be the Ramada Inn, Mattoon, IL, East Rt. 16. A room is reserved for the board meeting at a cost of \$50 (Rm. A). The show is in rooms B & C. We will have room for 29 tables (sold out for

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the past 10 years.) The flyers are completed with the ILNA sign. Looking forward to the show.

Maury Shepherd, Bourse Chairman”

In addition to the board meeting, Kaczor will give a talk. Motion to approve the invitation made by Huggins, seconded by Erlenborn. Motion carried with Doran opposed.

Huggins noted and Butler confirmed that the Springfield club is interested in hosting the '98 Spring Show. Further dealers forthcoming.

Hagemann read a letter concerning a \$50 settlement on an unused corner table at the last fall show, stating that the matter was amicably settled.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Fall 1996 Show financial report was distributed and discussed. It was noted that the show was once again profitable and well-run.

96 Show Recap:

Wasmer congratulated Clayton Hagemann on a well-run bourse. 90 of 94 tables were sold. Wasmer said that results of a dealer survey will be in a future ILNA Digest.

Regarding the 1997 show contract with the Homewood Best Western Hotel, Wasmer stated that due to ownership changes, the hotel would not honor the previous contract

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Board Meeting Minutes (*cont.*)

and wanted more than twice the amount for rental of the bourse room, necessitating a change of venue for the '97 show. He showed rates and availability of the Ramada Inn in Harvey, merely up Halsted St. from the previous location. Motion made by Huggins, seconded by Zillion to cancel the Homewood arrangements and proceed with the new site in Harvey. Motion carried.

Wasmer passed out charts of a potential bourse layout. The bourse will be split into two rooms, each with different layouts, price structure. He also distributed copies of a news release for the Fall '97 ILNA/CSNS Show, as well as CSNS's official acceptance of the show offer. The show dates will be September 5-7, 1997. A 1998 contract can be had at the Harvey site for the same cost. Motion to approve same made by Huggins, seconded by Doran. Carried.

President Kermit Wasmer presented special certificates to Joe Wagoner and Erthel Rose in appreciation of their exemplary longtime service on ILNA's board. Many thanks to both Joe and Erthel for a job well done.

The next ILNA board meeting will be held at the Mattoon Spring Show to be held April 6, 1997.

Motion to adjourn made by Hagemann, seconded by Doran. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

J. Zillion, Secretary



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ILNA General Operating Funds

Receipts:

Membership Dues	\$ 21.00	\$ 1,568.00
Digest Advertising	126.00	468.00
Donations		42.00
Interest on Cert. of Deposit		60.48
Miscellaneous.....	50.00	75.00
1996 Convention Net Profit		3,438.21
Best Western (1996 Conv. Deposit Credit)		300.00
Best Western (1997 Conv. Deposit Refund)	500.00	500.00
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Total Receipts	\$ 697.00	\$ 6,451.69

Disbursements:

Printing ILNA Digest	\$ 543.60	\$ 1,874.20
Postage	105.89	535.09
Office	99.15	286.63
Dues/Permits		13.00
Electric Cords & Hardware		150.00
Miscellaneous.....		6.00
ANA Dues	33.00	33.00
C.S.N.S. Lifetime Dues		117.00
Best Western (Deposit on 1997 Convention)		500.00
Board Member Compensation	430.00	430.00
Secretary Salary	200.00	200.00
Treasurer Salary	100.00	100.00
Liability Insurance	256.00	256.00
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Total Disbursements	\$ 1,767.64	\$ 4,500.92

ILNA 1997 Convention Funds

Receipts: Bourse Table Rent	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Disbursements: Advertising	100.00	100.00
Ramada Inn Deposit		1,000.00
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Checkbook Balance (12/31/96)	\$ 3,272.66	\$ 3,272.66
Certificate of Deposit	1,000.00	1,000.00
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Treasury Balance (12/31/96)	\$ 4,272.66	\$ 4,272.66

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ILNA In The Early Days

Opinions From Junior Collectors

by Dianna Voss

When I talk to fellow junior members at various coin shows, the most popular subjects seem to be handling and cleaning of coins. Most everyone seems to agree that the best way to handle coins should be literally with "kid gloves". Soft gloves should be worn when handling coins, and the coins should be held on the edges between two fingers. The obverse and reverse surface should not be touched with bare fingers, because this will lead to eventual discoloration and damage.

The subject of coin cleaning comes up very frequently, and it is agreed that a coin should not be cleaned unless absolutely necessary, and then only with expert advice. Once a coin is cleaned, it will require repeated cleaning and this repeated cleaning will cost the coin its brilliance. If a coin must be cleaned, a good liquid coin cleaner is about as good as any. The coin should be dipped momentarily in the cleaner, rinsed immediately with clear water, and patted dry. Never rub a coin because rubbing, even with a soft cloth, tends to leave minute scratches on the coin's surface. These scratches will cause the coin to eventually lose its sharpness and become dull. If a coin cleaner is not available, then a homemade cleaner of water and baking soda may be used. This is not really a good idea though because this method employs rubbing, and as stated before, any kind of rubbing will produce tiny scratches. In conclusion let me remind you of an old adage

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that states, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". So if a coin is handled very carefully and is well protected whether on display or in storage, it should stay bright and beautiful for a long, long time and be a real credit to its owner.

Editor's Note: This article is oriented more toward the cleaning of uncirculated silver coins than lesser grade coins or coins of other metals. In my opinion, a dip-type cleaner should never be used on coins below the grade of extremely fine, and an abrasive-type cleaner should never be used on coins above the grade of extremely fine.

The above article is from the November 1975 Digest. Although addressed to Junior Collectors, I've talked to some adult collectors who should also read it carefully. Its hard to convince some people that making "a coin shiny" doesn't increase its value, but rather greatly reduces the value in most cases.

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EAC North Central Regional Meeting Report

Joe Tomasko, Jr.

Illinois State Numismatic Association

An E.A.C. meeting was held on September 7, 1996 at the Best Western Hotel in Homewood, Illinois. The following members and guests were in attendance:

Garry Apelian	Jerry Wienzierl	Jim Havens	Mark Verbeck
Leo Courshon	Roy Baker	Harry Caford	Kermit Wasmer
Maury Shepherd	William Voight	John Wright	Clayton Hagemann
Joe Tomasko	Nancy Voight	Rich Urbon	Lucas Goazion
MabelAnn Wright			

The meeting was called to order by the new Regional Chairman, Garry Apelian. He introduced himself and gave a brief overview of EAC, what the club endeavors to do, its member participation, and the states that make up our region. Next, everyone introduced themselves and their areas of collecting interest.

Our guest speaker for the afternoon was John Wright. John titled his topic Large Cent Literature 101. John mentioned the various reference materials that should be part of any large cent collector's library. He brought examples of each item discussed.

For the early dates, 1793-1814, the best book is the reprint by Quarterman of Penny Whimsy (1958), as it contains good quality plates, has each year die-chained, and the pictures are of actual size coins. Also, in the early series, the Bill Noyes book has an updated condition census and contains several new varieties discovered since the 1958 Sheldon. The book contains no new text information, however the pictures are of large size and excellent quality.

In the Middle Date Series, the Howard Newcomb text was the only book available for nearly forty years. The text was hard to follow, plates were not usable for identification and line drawings were limited in detail. The most recent book of Middle Dates is the John Wright text. Each year has been die-chained on separate pages. There are large-sized plates for each variety with extensive descriptions about each coin.

Next, the Late Dates, 1840-1857, are covered in the Bob Grellman book. This book has large line-drawn pictures that are done in great detail and there is an excellent descriptive text on each variety presented.

Finally, a group of materials was suggested that would add to information on Large Cent die varieties. The Red Book is the best buy in large cent major types. The second best

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value would be Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. Coins. Auction catalogues make useful reference works. The Robbie Brown I September 1986 Sale by Superior contained only Large Cents. Also from Superior, the January 1989 Jack Robinson sale was mostly all Large Cents but went into die states in much greater depth and detail. The Robbie Brown II Sale in January of 1996 contained the most complete set of Large Cents every formed or sold for the year 1793-1839. These catalogues are not meant as reference to price, but rather picture references of what exists. The plates contained therein are superb. For a price reference guide, Robinson's Copper Quotes (CQR) was suggested.

MabelAnn Wright reminded the group that, as the Club's librarian, each of the books that John displayed at our meeting could be borrowed from the EAC Library.

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Let's Talk Currency

National Bank Notes

by Tim Kyzivat - LaGrange, Illinois

The previous articles have been about collecting currency in general and have included discussions about grading, interesting notes to collect and the Greensheet. Now it's time to get into the specifics of collecting National Bank Notes.

The most popular notes to collect are National Bank Notes. These notes are hometown currency issued by the national banks in our towns. They were signed by the bankers, usually prominent persons the community, and were used everyday to buy farms, automobiles, groceries, pay the doctor and to pay for whatever people needed to buy. They circulated freely in the area and in fact circulated all over the country. The stories these notes could tell, if only they could talk to us!! What about notes that were used on the frontier in the days of the Wild West and the Indians!! What about notes that were part of the holdup money taken by Bonnie and Clyde or Butch Cassidy!!

There are many ways to collect National Bank Notes. The collections that you form are only limited by your imagination and your desire to own something that has a special meaning or interest to you. I will suggest some interesting ways to assemble a collection.

TYPE SET

A type set of nationals would be an interesting set that would show different types of notes. For example, you could collect one note from each of the 4 difference charter periods. Type collectors usually look for common, high grade notes that will show off the designs of the notes. A type set might be different denominations from the same charter period, such as a collection of Brown Backs in \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 denominations.

STATE SET

Another collection would be a state set, namely one note from each state. This affords for a great variety of notes as you can mix and match notes as you see fit. Some states are quite easy to find notes from and you could have a better type or a better condition note from those states. Other states are quite difficult to find notes from and they demand more money. A lower grade note or perhaps a small size note would be best from those states.

INTERESTING NAMES

A collection of interesting or odd and unusual names is limited only by your

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Collecting National Bank Notes (cont.)

imagination. Here are some examples to think about:

FIRST NAMES:	Henry, Tallulah, Homer, Elmer, Roland, Sharon.
BIBLICAL NAMES:	St. John, Bethlehem, Nazareth, St. James.
FORBIDDEN TITLES:	United States National Bank, Federal National Bank, Government National Bank
GRANGE BANKS:	Banks chartered in Pennsylvania in the early 1900's that were set up and supported by farmers active in the Grange movement.
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UNUSUAL BANK TITLES:	The National Bank of John A. Black of Barbourville The Day and Night National Bank of Pikeville The Hide and Leather National Bank The Railroad National Bank

As you can see from the above examples, there are many interesting notes to collect and many ways in which to collect them. A collection is what you want it to be. It is not a matter of filling holes in a book but assembling a group of notes that has meaning to you.

In future columns we will discuss National Bank Notes in much more detail. For now, look around at the coin and currency shows and your local coin shops and see what is available. Perhaps you will see a note or two that has some special interest to you and will start you on a collecting adventure that will lead to who knows where!! Happy Hunting!!

Tim Kyzivat has been a currency collector for over 20 years. He is an avid collector of Chicago National Bank notes and other paper from Chicago. Tim is currently the Treasurer of the Society of Paper Money Collectors.

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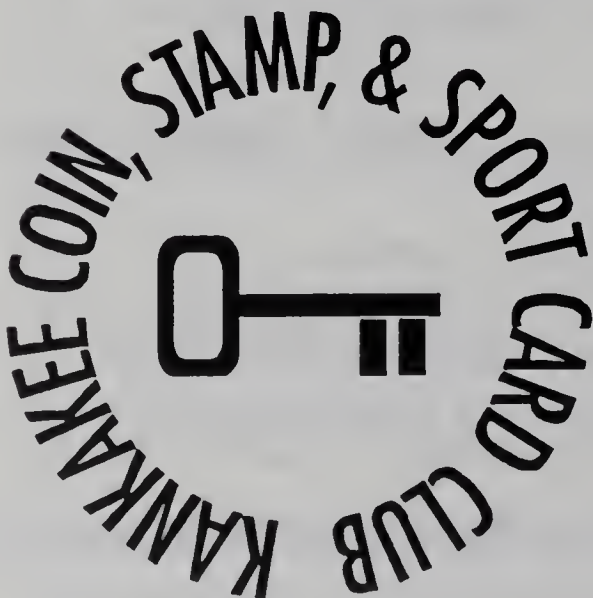
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Most U. S. gold coins show an eagle. What U. S gold piece pictures an owl?

- A. Grant Memorial \$1 B. Lewis and Clark Exposition \$1
C. Bicentennial of Congress \$5 D. Panama Pacific \$50

Which of the following is not the name of a bullion coin?

- A. Kookaburra B. Loon C. Panda D. Ballerina

New U. S. coin designs were introduced in 1916 for all of these denominations, except:

- A. dime B. quarter C. half dollar D. dollar

The Spanish milled dollar, or 8 reales, was legally used as money in the United States until:

- A. 1776 B. 1792 C. 1812 D. 1857

Trivia answers are on page 36.

“Courtesy of the Quad-Cities Coin Club”

Schaumburg Numismatic Society Disbands

Word has been received from David Hoover, club treasurer that the Schaumburg Numismatic Society has disbanded as of December. The main reason given is for lack of membership and lack of attendance at the club meetings.

The club had a well established show. It is unfortunate that not enough people interested in numismatics in the area took time to help support the club. Part of the clubs treasury is to be donated to ILNA for promoting numismatics with the youth.

National Coin Week

Remember that National Coin Week is April 20-26. How is your club planning to observe the week? How about some posters, displays, etc. at area banks or libraries. Even public service announcements on the local radio station. If you do something special, and would like to share the information in a issue of the digest, let me know.

Kermit Wasmer, Pres.

Recent Coin Show Highlights



Erthel Rose and Joe Wagoner receive recognition for many years of service as they retire from the state board at the Urbana Fall Coin Show. Pictured left-right: Jim Erlenborn, ILNA Chairman of the Board; Erthel; Joe; and Kermit Wasmer, ILNA President.

DUES ARE DUE

This is your last Digest if you received a dues notice in January and haven't paid. After April 1st your dues will be \$8.00 for 1997, due to the mailing cost of a 2nd notice. Please continue to support numismatics on the state level in 1997.



Sonny Henry conducting a youth auction at the Wat-Cha-Kee Coin Club Show in Watseka on March 2nd. Twenty-two youth participated in the auction. Everyone bid in at least one lot in the auction.



Melissa Brault of Martinton was the winner of a 1985 proof set in the ILNA penny jar contest. Donna Wasmer is shown presenting Melissa with her prize.

An Open Letter To ILNA Members

Dear Coin Club and Fellow Numismatist:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as a candidate for the Board of Governors of the American Numismatic Association (1997 - 1999). My name is John Wilson, an avid numismatist for the past 24 years, and a retired Milwaukee County Deputy Sheriff. My interest in collecting encompass U.S. and foreign coins and paper money, token and medals, ancient coins, porcelain coins and medals, numismatic books, and exnumia. Collecting led to exhibiting throughout the United States. Among numerous awards, I have been the recipient of the Central States Numismatic Society Elston G. Bradfield Literary Award and Best-In-Show Award, and Florida United Numismatists Charles Fine Literary Award and Best-In-Show Award. I am also the recipient of the ANA's Medal of Merit and Glenn Smedley Award. I served as an ANA Regional Coordinator, District Delegate and Club Representative. I am a Certified ANA Judge and help judge exhibits at many coin shows. In 1990, I was honored with the coveted Krause Publications Numismatic Ambassador Award.

I was honored to be the General Chairman for the 1991 ANA, 100th Anniversary Convention, in Chicago. This milestone convention, hosted by the Chicago Coin Club, drew over 20,000 collectors and dealers from around the world. My wife Nancy and I served as Co-Assistant General Chairmen for the 1986 Milwaukee ANA Convention, and as Co-General Chairmen for the 1990 Milwaukee Central States Numismatic Society Convention. I have also donated countless hours, in many different capacities,

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As an ANA Governor, I will continue to work diligently on your behalf. I will work to unite collectors, dealers, authors and investors in the promotion of numismatics to the benefit of all. As a conservative, I feel the ANA should work within their budget. Areas that I will work to improve on are numismatic education, member benefits, coin clubs, our representatives program and maintaining a balanced budget. When important votes take place, I will always try to do what is best for our members and the hobby. My dedication and loyalty is for the betterment of the hobby of numismatics. Please put my ability, experience, dedication and enthusiasm to work. A vote for John Wilson in the upcoming election would be greatly appreciated!

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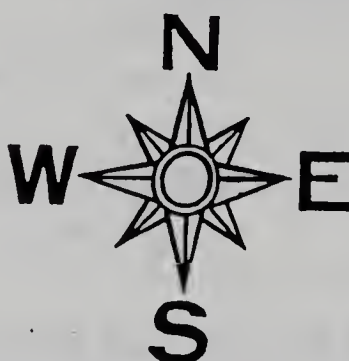
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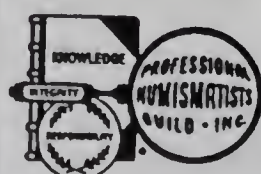
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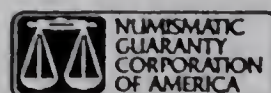
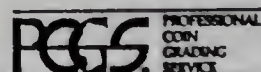
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Club News Around The State

KANKAKEE COIN CLUB: Long time club member Vincent Barber passed away January 15, 1997. Vince was always around to serve the club wherever needed at meetings and shows. He will be missed by numismatics and the club. Vince could always be spotted in a crowd by his Australian bush hat which he always wore.

ROCKFORD AREA COIN CLUB: The club is offering quite a nice set of elongated coins to celebrate its 40th anniversary in 1996. The full ad appears in this issue if you wish to obtain a set.

OAK FOREST COIN CLUB: Burt Collins attended the FUN show in Orlando. He reported back about how it was a great show. The club will be moving its fall show to the Orland Park Civic Center at 147th and Ravina on Nov. 30th.

CHICAGO COIN CLUB: The club recently hosted the CPMX Paper Money Expo at the Ramada Inn on Mannheim in Rosemont. Those who attended the club meeting held at the show were presented with a souvenir card of old paper money.

ELGIN COIN CLUB: Doug Nelson and Mike Metras have been elected for another two year term as president and secretary. Harold Hunt is vice president and Don Cerny is treasurer.

WAT-CHA-KEE COIN CLUB: The club hosted a youth auction at its annual show on March 2nd. The auction was very successful with 22 youths participating. Sonny Henry of Mendota was the auctioneer.

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Illinois Numismatic Association Spring Show

The Mattoon Coin Club will host The ILNA spring show on Sunday, April 6th, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The show will be held in the Ramada Inn, Route 16 and Interstate 57, Mattoon, IL (1/2 mile west of exit 190B, Interstate 57). Admission is free. There will be hourly door prizes. The show will be comprised of approximately 30 dealers and will offer an educational forum. L.J. Kaczor will speak at 11:00 a.m. on German money.

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Word has been received of the passing of the follow members. Our condolences to their families.

James Anderson #1830
Thomas Nolan LM69
Harry Steele #1456
Norman Wolfer LM52
Oliver Horton LM55
Lyman Greer Sr. LM56

Bolingbrook, IL
Chicago, IL (obituary published)
Mattoon, IL
Nashville, TN
Washington, IL
Carbondale, IL

Youth and Numismatics

By Donna Wasmer

The Wat-Cha-Kee Coin club hosted their annual coin show on Sunday, March 2nd at the East Side Banquet Hall in Watseka, IL. The Illinois State Numismatic Association (ILNA) sponsored a youth guessing game (number of pennies in a jar) as well as a youth auction. Thirty-four young people made a guess with the winner being Melissa Brault of Martinton. She received a 1985 proof set donated by Judd McCarthy of Crestwood, IL. Luke Miller of Kankakee was the second place winner. He received a set of 1992 elongated coins donated by Mooberry Elongated Coins of Elgin, IL. Of the 34 participants, 14 towns were represented. They were: Fairbury, Bradley, Milford, Watseka, Dewey, Fisher, Kankakee, Cissna Park, Martinton, Crescent City, Buckingham, Hoopeston, Ashkum and Georgetown. Congratulations to the winners!! The highlight of the afternoon session for the youth was the auction. The twenty-two participants received \$200 in credit in which to bid on the various items of numismatics which had been donated by the various dealers at the show. Sonny Henry, a coin auctioneer from Mendota, IL conducted the auction. It was a very rewarding experience for me to be involved with the ILNA sponsored activity for the youth. It was almost like Christmas, watching the expressions on the faces of the kids. I think the parents were also excited. I look forward to next year's show. Again, a special thanks to Sonny Henry and the people that donated items for the auction.

A youth auction will certainly add interest to any show, and you will find it to be a rewarding experience.

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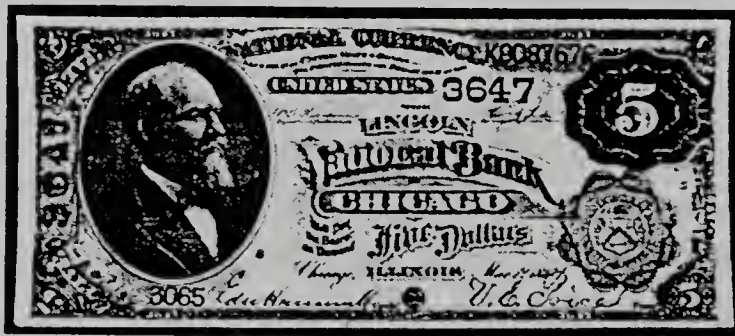
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Club Profile

Will County Coin Club

The club was founded in 1959 and presently has approximately 40 members. Meetings are normally attended by 20-30 members. The regular monthly meeting is held at 7:30 p.m. on the 1st Thursday of each month. Meetings take place at the American Legion Harwood Post in Joliet. The club gives monthly door prizes, has attendance awards, and has show and tell. It has raffles and coin quizzes as well as occasional ANA slide/video presentations. Refreshments are served at the meetings. Its annual show is generally held on the second Sunday in March. The show is held at the Joliet Holiday Inn at I-80 and Larkin. Information on the club can be obtained by writing to Mark Wieclaw, 175 W. Wood St., New Lenox, IL 60451.



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J. Thomas "Tom" Nolan, 72, died Friday, Nov. 22 at his home in Chicago, surrounded by family and dearest friends. Born April 30, 1924 in St. Louis, MO, son of Thomas A. and Margaret A. Nolan. Lived most of his adult life in Chicago and Rockford, Illinois.

Served four years in the US Army Medical Corps in Franks during World War II. Graduated summa cum laude in 1951 from the University of Notre Dame, member of Phi Beta Kappa. Worked as comptroller for Oscar Mayer and other firms in Chicago and Rockford.

A long time member of Chicago Coin Club, ANA, ILNA and other area associations, Tom collected three-dollar notes and sheets of obsolete currency, as well as having a general interest in numismatics, from ancients to modern coins. Known as "Mr. Cut-Out Coin Jewelry", Tom advertised for many years in ILNA and sold his handmade coin jewelry at shows from local craft fairs to the Illinois State Fair. An eternal optimist, Tom was respected by all who knew him. He passed away peacefully after a series of strokes.

Tom is survived by his nieces Kathleen Heft and Carrie Bishop of Washington and by Michael J. Gasparro, Jr., of Chicago. Tom willed his body to the Anatomical Gift Association. Donations in his name for the "Trust Foundation for J. Thomas Nolan", to be used to fund two years of medical school for students selected by the Anatomical Gift Association. Send donations to: Rich Hartzog, P.O. Box 4143, Rockford, IL 61110.

"Obituary by Rich Hartzog"

NOTICE:

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John Wilson - President - Central States Numismatic Society
Kermit Wasmer - President - Illinois Numismatic Association

New ILNA Members

Listed below are the new members who have joined ILNA since November. Our membership remains at approximately 360 members.

Dick DeRoberts - South Holland IL.
Catherine Steele - Mattoon, IL
Martin Krashoc - Streamwood, IL
Marlon Mathre - Aurora, IL

Richard Arnold - Pekin, IL
Steve Rassi - Morton, IL
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Please welcome the above new members to our association.

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ILNA Life Member Survey

In January of this year a survey form was sent to our early life members number 70 and down. Return of the survey forms was excellent with 25 of the 30 survey letters answered. We will continue to try and contact the remaining five who didn't respond.

The survey turned up some interesting information. Three of the members were deceased. One had the wrong life membership number assigned. There were a couple incorrect addresses. About half of the members were still actively involved in numismatics or at least still had an interest. Almost all enjoyed reading the Digest, but fewer than half wanted any raffle tickets. Few wanted to donate anything to promote numismatics among the youth. Only a couple members indicated ILNA should do more for its members.

It appeared most were satisfied with the organization as it is presently being run. All wanted to continue receiving ILNA material.

We appreciate these early life members taking time to answer our questions.

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Board Member	Apr. 1996	June 1996	Sept. 1996	Nov. 1996
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Steve Butler	A	P	A	P
Joe DeModica	P	UNX	P	A
Glen DeValk	A	P	P	A
Michael Doran	P	P	A	P
James Erlenborn	P	P	P	P
Clayton Hagemann	P	P	P	P
Sonny Henry	P	P	P	P
Jack Huggins	A	P	P	P
L. Jim Kazcor	A	P	P	P
Duane Serck	A	P	P	A
Kermit Wasmer	P	P	P	P
Jerry Wienzierl	N/M	N/M	N/M	P
Frank Zapushek	N/M	N/M	N/M	P
Jack Zillion	A	P	P	P

Dear ILNA Member -

The high attendance record demonstrates the commitment your board has in continuing to maintain the high quality of the association in the future. Most members have driven many miles at their own expense to attend these board meetings. P - Present. A - Absent with notification. UNX - Absent without notification. N/M - Was not a member.

Guest members Joe Wagoner and Erthel Rose were also present at November meeting.

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Upcoming Coin Shows

Mar. 9, 1997 (Sun.) Will County Coin Show. *Location:* Holiday Inn Hotel, I-80 and Larkin Ave., Joliet, IL. *Tables:* 40. *Fee:* \$30 for 6 ft. *Admission:* Free. *Contact:* Clayton Hagemann, P.O. Box 141, Plano, IL 60545. Ph. 630-552-3491.

Mar. 16, 1997 (Sun) Kankakee Spring Festival of Coins, Stamps and Sport Cards. *Location:* Ramada Inn, 800 N. Kinzie Ave., Bradley, IL (Rte 50 - 1 mile south of I-57 exit). *Tables:* 50. *Fee:* \$30 or 2 for \$55. *Admission:* Free. *Contact:* Michael Doran, P.O. Box 150, Bradley, IL 60915-0150. Ph. 815-937-4409.

Mar. 16, 1997 (Sun) Lake County Coin Club Annual Show. *Location:* Moose Lodge #706, 2755 Washington St., Waukegan, IL. *Tables:* 24. *Fee:* \$20. *Admission:* Free. *Contact:* Les Hannula, 2210 Crescent Pl., Waukegan, IL 60085. Ph. 847-662-1955.

Mar. 22 1997 (Sat.) Corn Belt Spring Coin Show. *Location:* McLean County Farm Bureau Bldg., 402 N. Hershey Road, Bloomington, IL. *Tables:* 18. *Fee:* \$25. *Admission:* Free. *Contact:* Bill Whisler, 409 Belview Ave., Normal, IL 61761. Ph. 309-452-6870.

Mar. 23, 1997 (Sun) Central Illinois Numismatic Annual Show. *Location:* Northfield Center Drive and Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL. *Tables:* 30. *Fee:* \$40 for 8ft. *Admission:* 50¢. *Contact:* Steve Butler, 1712 S. 1st. St., Springfield, IL 62704. Ph. 217-528-7634.

Apr. 6, 1997 (Sun) ILNA Spring Show - Hosted by the Mattoon Coin Club. *Location:* Ramada Inn Hotel, East Rte. 16 & I-57 - Exit 190B, Mattoon, IL. *Tables:* 30. *Fee:* \$25. *Admission:* Free. *Contact:* M. D. Sheperd c/o Mattoon Coin Club, P.O. Box 143, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Apr. 6, 1997 (Sun) Quad Cities Coin Club Spring Coin Show. *Location:* Milan Community Center, Camden Park, Milan, IL (US Rt. 67). *Tables:* 50. *Fee:* \$35. *Admission:* Free. *Contact:* John Brixey, 1553 39th St., Rock Island, IL 61201. Ph. 309-788-8726.

Apr. 26, 1997 (Sat) Tazewell Numismatic Society Coin Show. *Location:* Miller Center, 551 S. 14th St., Pekin, IL. *Tables:* 35. *Fee:* \$25. *Contact:* Dale O. Freidinger, P.O. Box 696, Pekin, IL 61554. Ph. 309-353-6178.

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Upcoming Coin Shows (cont.)

July 12, 1997 (Sat) Tazewell Numismatic Society Coin Show. *Location:* Miller Center, 551 S. 14th St., Pekin, IL. *Tables:* 35. *Fee:* \$25. *Contact:* Dale O. Freidinger, P.O. Box 696, Pekin, IL 61554. Ph. 309-353-6178.

July 27, 1997 (Sun) Central Illinois Numismatic Annual Show. *Location:* Northfield Center Drive and Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL. *Tables:* 30. *Fee:* \$40 for 8 ft. *Admission:* 50¢. *Contact:* Steve Butler, 1712 S. 1st. St., Springfield, IL 62704. Ph. 217-528-7634.

Sept. 5-7, 1997 (Fri.-Sun.) Central States Fall Show - Hosted by ILNA. *Location:* Ramada Inn Hotel, I-80 and Rt. 1 (Halsted), Harvey, IL. *Tables:* 110. *Fee:* \$130-275. *Admission:* Free. *Contact:* Clayton Hagemann, P.O. Box 141, Plano, IL 60545. Ph. 630-552-3491.

Sept. 21, 1997 (Sun.) Rockford Area 82nd Annual Coin Club Show. *Location:* Holiday Inn (Hoffman House), 7550 East State St., Rockford, IL. *Tables:* 40. *Fee:* \$35. *Admission:* Free. *Contact:* Ralph Winkvist, 1004 C. St., Rockford, IL 61107. Ph. 815-963-0396.

Oct. 19, 1997 (Sun.) Kankakee Fall Festival of Coins, Stamps & Sports Cards. *Location:* Ramada Inn, 800 N. Kinzie Ave., Bradley, IL (Rte. 50- 1 mile south of I-57 exit). *Tables:* 50. *Fee:* \$30 or 2 for \$55. *Admission:* Free. *Contact:* Michael Doran, P.O. Box 150, Bradley, IL 60915-0150. Ph. 815-937-4409.

Nov. 2, 1997 (Sun.) Champaign-Urbana Coin Club Annual Coin Show. *Location:* Urbana Civic Center, 109 E. Water St., Urbana, IL. *Tables:* 20. *Fee:* \$17. *Admission:* Free. *Contact:* Keith LeSeure, 1909 Moraine Dr., Champaign, IL 61821. Ph. 217-356-8577

Nov. 9, 1997 (Sun.) Central Illinois Numismatic Annual Show. *Location:* Northfield Center Drive and Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL. *Tables:* 30. *Fee:* \$40 for 8 ft. *Admission:* 50¢. *Contact:* Steve Butler, 1712 S. 1st. St., Springfield, IL 62704. Ph. 217-528-7634.

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Trivia Answers

Answers to the trivia questions on page 19 are: 1. A & C. 2. D 3. B 4. D 5. D

Local Clubs Meeting Information

Champaign - Urbana Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Urbana Civic Center. *Information:* L. J. Kaczor, 1306 Hollycrest Dr., Champaign, IL 61821, or call 217-356-9500.

Corn Belt Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the First of America, East College Office, Bloomington, IL. *Information:* Phone Bill Whisler at 309-452-6870.

Fairfield Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Sunday of each month, 1:30 p.m. at Frontier College, Routes 15 & 45 West, Fairfield, IL. *Information:* Howard Clemmons, 805 Epworth St., Fairfield, IL 62837.

Will County Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Harwood Post of the American Legion, I-80 Frontage Rd. off South Larkin Ave. *Information:* Mark Wieclaw, 175 W. Wood St., New Lenox, IL 60451 or phone 815-485-4137.

Kankakee Coin, Stamp and Card Club. *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, except July, August, and December, 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Super K Mart, 990 N. Kinzie (Rt. 50 N), Bradley, IL. *Information:* Kankakee Coin Club, P.O. Box 150, Bradley, IL 60915.

Oak Forest Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Bremen Township Hall, 15350 Oak Park Ave., Oak Forest, IL.

Rantoul Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Temporarily at the American Lutheran Church, 500 Church Drive, Rantoul, IL.

Tazewell Numismatic Society. *Meetings:* First Wednesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, 1315 Court Street (Across from hospital), Pekin, IL. *Information:* D. Freidinger, P.O. Box 1203, Pekin, IL 61555-1203. Phone 309-353-6178.

Wat-cha-kee Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 546 N. 6th St., Watseka, IL. *Information:* Phone Kermit Wasmer at 815-432-4636.

Lake County Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Conference room of the Bertrand Bowling Lanes, 2616 Washington St., Waukegan, IL. *Information:* Lake County Coin Club, 2210 Crescent Pl., Waukegan, IL 60085.

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Local Clubs Meeting Information (Cont.)

Quad-City Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Garden Center of the Moline Park Board (located off 5th Ave. at 34th St.), Moline, IL. *Information:* George Wolters, P.O. Box 332, Moline, IL 61265. Phone 309-788-7082.

Mattoon Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. South Rte. 45, back of the IGA, south side. *Information:* P.O. Box 143, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Soy City Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Decatur Stamp and Coin Shop, 104 N. Main, Decatur, IL. *Information:* Dorothy Runion, 104 N. Main, Decatur, IL 62523. Phone 217-423-0041.

Elgin Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Elgin VFW Post at 1601 Weld Road, Elgin, IL. *Information:* Mike Metras, Secretary, P.O. Box 561, South Elgin, IL 60177.

Chicago Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the First National Bank Building, Dearborn St. entrance between Madison & Monroe, Chicago, IL. Sign in at Security Desk and take elevator to 18th floor conference room. *Information:* Chicago Coin Club, P.O. Box 2301, Chicago, IL 60690. Phone 773-878-8979.

Fox Valley Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Yorkville National Bank, Rte. 47 & Van Emmon, Yorkville, IL. *Information:* Fox Valley Coin Club, 18 River Lane, Oswego, IL 60453. Phone 708-552-3491.

Club of Illinois Numismatists (Homewood Coin Club). *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Marie Irwin Community Center, Ridge Road & Highland Ave., Homewood, IL. *Information:* Homewood Coin Club, P.O. Box 171, Markham, IL 60426-0171.

Central Illinois Numismatic Association. *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month except Aug. and Dec., 7:30 p.m. at the Security Federal Building, 510 E. Monroe, Springfield, IL. *Information:* Jay Peniwell, 308 N. Park Ave., Springfield, IL 62702. Phone 217-793-0919.

Danville Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Palmer American Bank, Danville, IL. *Information:* Danville Coin Club, 2816 Baumgart, Danville, IL 61832. Phone 217-443-6942.

Edgar County Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Sunday of each month, 2:00 p.m. at the Kensington, 118 E. Court St., Paris, IL. *Information:* Jeff Thomas, Box 817, Paris, IL 61944. Phone 217-465-8538.

Gibson City Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Dan-En-Joys Cafe, 810 S. Sangamon Ave., Gibson City, IL. *Information:* Roy E. Riblet, 422 E. Chestnut St., Paxton, IL.

Dupo Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 200 S. 5th St., Dupo, IL. *Information:* Dupo Coin Club, P.O. Box 3153, Fairview Hgts., IL 62208. Phone Harry Niccum at 618-632-3331.

Indian Hill Coin Club. *Meetings:* Second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m. at the Avon Township Hall, Washington St. in Round Lake Park. *Information:* Mike Hanninen, 2400 Horeb Ave., Zion, IL 60099.

Hoopeston Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Sunday of each month, 2:00 p.m. at the Masonic Temple in Hoopeston. *Information:* Joe Wagoner, 322 W. Orange St., Hoopeston, IL 60942. Phone 217-283-6733.

Sauk Trail Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Chicago Heights Park District Building, 14th St. and Chicago Rd., Chicago Heights, IL. *Information:* Harold Ober, P.O. Box 242, Olympia Fields, IL 60461. Phone 708-747-0461.

Railsplitter Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Friendship Manor/Odd Fellows Highrise (across from Lincoln High School), Lincoln, IL. *Information:* Bob Olson, 217-793-5134 or Dean Baker, 217-732-7069 or write: Railsplitter Coin Club, P.O. Box 1034, Springfield, IL 62705-1034.

Rockford Area Coin Club. *Meetings:* Third Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the North Park Library, Rockford, IL. *Information:* Ralph Winkvist, 1004 "C" Street, Rockford, IL 61107. Phone 815-963-0396.

DeKalb Coin Club. *Meetings:* First Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the DeKalb Public Library, DeKalb, IL. *Information:* Joe Bayxar, #1101 Suburban Apts., DeKalb, IL 60115. Phone 815-756-9205.

St. Clair Numismatic Society. *Meetings:* Third Tuesday of Sept. thru Nov. and Jan. thru April, 7:00 p.m. at the Coin Shop, 1121 East Main, Belleville, IL. *Information:* St. Clair Numismatic Society, 1121 E. Main, Belleville, IL 62220. Phone 618-277-4493.

No information available on the Polish American Coin Club of Chicago.

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